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SUBJ: FIRST SESSION OF WMO EX COMITE PANEL ON METEORO-
LOGICAL SATELLITES

1. SUBJECT MEETINGS HELD FROM MAY 13 TO 20, 1974, AT WMO HEAD-
QUARTERS ATTENDED BY ALL DESIGNATED MEMBERS EXCEPT EXHEVERRIA-
OSSA (COLOMBIA). R. SCHNEIDER (SWITZERLAND) ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN.

2. BEING FIRST SESSION OF PANEL, EFFORT CONCENTRATED GETTING
DETAILS OF SATELLITE PROGRAMS, REVIEW OF MAJOR CONCERNS OF
MEMBERS REGARDING IMPACT OF METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITES ON THEIR
NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES, EXAMINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF
ALL WMO BODIES WITH REGARD TO METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITES, RELATIONS
WITH OTHER GROUPS CONCERNED WITH SPACE TECHNOLOGY; AND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR BETWEEN-SESSION PERIOD.

3. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ALL SATELLITE OPERATORS (ESRO,
JAPAB, US AND USSR) GIVES PROMISING PICTURE FOR LONG TERM
DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL WEATHER SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY AS PRINCIPAL
ELEMENT OF THE WMO WORLD WEATHER WATCH PROGRAM. AS REPORTED EARLIER,
USSR PLANS APPEAR TO BE RATHER WELL COORDINATED WITH THOSE OF
OTHER SATELLITE OPERATORS.

4. NEED FOR IMPROVED INFORMATION SERVICES TO WMO MEMBERS ON
SATELLITE PROGRAMS AND PLANS FULLY RECOGNIZED BY PANEL AND
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RECOMMENDED SERIES OF NEW WMO PUBLICATIONS COVERING MOST ASPECTS

OF SATELLITE METEOROLOGY TO BE INITIATED AT EARLY DATE. NEEDS
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN USE OF
DIRECT READOUT INFORMATION ALSO STRESSED AND SEVERAL PROPOSALS
MADE TO MEET THESE NEEDS, INCLUDING ENGINEERING ASSISTANT IN
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF GROUND STATIONS FOR RECEIPT OF
SATELLITE SIGNALS.

5. SECOND SESSION OF PANEL PROPOSED FOR MARCH 1975, SUBJECT TO
AGREEMENT WITH INFORMAL SATELLITE OPERATORS COORDINATION GROUP
FOR GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITES, WHICH HAS
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PANEL.ABRAMS

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